SPINNER EasySnake - The Flexible Terahertz Waveguide Assembly



SPINNER EasySnake for E- and W-band performs the function of a **hollow metallic** waveguide but offers two degrees of freedom: flexible bending and twisting **in any direction** while delivering excellent measurement results at the same time. Even conventional flexible waveguides made of electrically conductive bellows are typically non-twistable i.e. resist torsion, which significantly limits the feasible test configurations.

They are also completely intolerant of minimally misalign or twisted flanges. The SPINNER EasySnake overcomes this by combining the flexibility of a conventional RF measurement cable with the excellent low-loss transmission characteristics of a conventional non-flexible waveguide system.

Features

- Dielectric waveguide supported by unique tubular segments (patent pending)
- Flexible, i.e. bendable and twistable (eliminates installations problems caused by misalignment of flanges)
- Flex-stable, i.e. keeps chosen bending geometry
- Built-in transitions from dielectric to rectangular waveguide
- Insertion loss outperforms any coaxial cable and single-mode metallic waveguide
- Excellent amplitude stability with flexure and temperature change
- Length configurable in steps of 25 mm
- Mechanically protected and electrically shielded
- High-voltage decoupled waveguide transitions

Applications

- General test bench use
- Network analysis (S-parameter measurement)
- Antenna testing (near field, far field)
- Environmental chamber and vibration testing

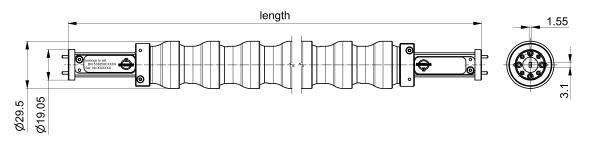




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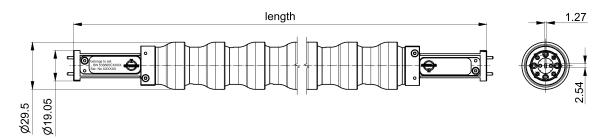
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60 - 90 GHz, E-Band



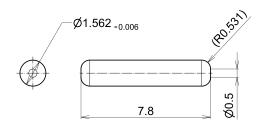
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BN 533659C0107	WR 12 / R 740	16 dB	1.8 dB @ 60 to 65 GHz 1.4 dB @ 65 to 90 GHz	300	1
BN 533659C0207				300	2
BN 533659C0119			2.6 dB @ 60 to 65 GHz 2.1 dB @ 65 to 90 GHz	600	1
BN 533659C0219				600	2
BN 533659C0131		14 dB	3.5 dB @ 60 to 65 GHz 2.9 dB @ 65 to 90 GHz	900	1

75 - 110 GHz, W-Band

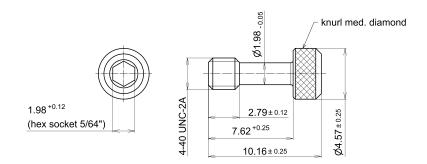


Part Number	Interface	Return Loss, min.	Insertion Loss, max.	Length (mm)	Quantity per Set
BN 533660C0107	WR 10 / R 900	16 dB	0.4 dB @ 75 to 80 GHz 0.2 dB @ 80 to 110 GHz	300	1
BN 533660C0207				300	2
BN 533660C0119			0.8 dB @ 75 to 80 GHz 0.4 dB @ 80 to 85 GHz 0.2 dB @ 85 to 110 GHz	600	1
BN 533660C0219				600	2
BN 533660C0131		14 dB	0.8 dB @ 75 to 80 GHz 0.6 dB @ 80 to 85 GHz 0.4 dB @ 85 to 90 GHz 0.2 dB @ 90 to 110 GHz	900	1

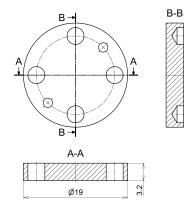
Accessories for SPINNER EasySnake



Part Number	Description
<u>A61785</u>	Aligning pin



Part Number	Description
<u>A61786</u>	Socket-head cap screws 4-40 UNC



Part Number	Description
<u>A62935</u>	Protective cap